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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 03 October 2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

1. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

2. Claims 1-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claims 1, 10 and 12 recite, "in substance no light beams are emitted"; the term "in substance" is considered to be vague and indefinite. Because of their dependency, claims 2-9, 11 and 13 are necessarily rejected.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 1-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Beeson et al (5,396,350)
5. Beeson discloses the claimed invention: at least one lamp; an optical element arranged in or before the emission opening for deflecting light beams which enter into and exit from the optical element (90) such that light beams exit from said optical element at an exit angle which is smaller than a predetermined limit exit angle (fig 10), said optical element having a plate-like core of transparent material which is occupied

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on one side with microprisms formed by furrows, said microprisms having roots from which said microprisms taper, said reflector being shaped and arranged with reference to said lamp that in substance no light beams are emitted directly from the lamp through the optical element but in substance only light beams reflected at said reflector can exit said emission opening through said optical element (fig 10); except for a reflector surrounding the lamp, a side of said reflector facing towards said lamp being reflecting, said reflector being formed with an emission opening for emission of light. With regards to the lighting device having a reflector surrounding the lamp, with a side facing towards the lamp being formed with an emission opening for emission of light, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide a reflector for the purpose of reflecting the light emitted from the light source towards a desired direction since such a practice is old and well known in the art. (Please see all cited prior art)

- The luminaire includes two elongated lamps arranged parallel to one another and laterally offset with respect to said emission opening (see cited prior art).
- An annular lamp which is arranged laterally outwardly offset with respect to said emission opening (see cited prior art);
- The microprisms of said optical element are arranged in a matrix-like manner
- The microprisms have an elongate structure;
- A second optical element arranged to deflect light beams which enter into and exit from said second optical element, such that said light beams exit from said second optical element at an exit angle which is less than a predetermined limit

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exit angle, said second optical element being constructed in the same manner as the optical element; said second optical element being formed with further microprisms which have an elongate structure, and said second optical element being arranged parallel to the optical element and the microprisms of said second optical element being directed transversely to the microprisms of said optical element (fig 10, plurality of 90);

- The furrows between the microprisms are covered over by a reflecting material or are filled with a reflecting material, in order to prevent an entry of the light beams through the furrows into the microprisms (8);
- The optical element having, on a light entry side thereof, a plate-like core of transparent material (6,7a), and having a light exit side which is occupied with microprisms which are formed by furrows and which taper, starting from roots thereof, said inner side of said reflector being formed to be mirror-reflecting (90,114, fig 11), and being arranged with reference to said lamp that in substance no light beams are emitted directly from the lamp through the optical element but in substance only light beams reflected at said reflector can exit said emission opening through said optical element, said microprisms having an elongate structure and extending transversely of said lamp.

Conclusion

6. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Daiku, Tanaka et al , Zou et al, Beeson et al, Willson.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Anabel M Ton whose telephone number is (703) 305-1084. The examiner can normally be reached on 08:00-16:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Sandra O'Shea can be reached on (703) 305-4939. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 872-9318 for regular communications and (703) 872-9319 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0956.

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